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SUBJECT: RUMSFELD MEETING WITH DANISH DEFENSE MINISTER
MOLLER

1. SECDEF RUMSFELD DURING JULY 16 MEETING PRESENTED MOD
MOLLER STRONG ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF DENMARK'S INCREASING
ITS CURRENT LEVEL OF DEFENSE EFFORT. SECDEF AND OTHER DOD
OFFICIALS GAVE MOLLER A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHANGED
PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL MOOD IN THE US IN FAVOR OF REDRESS-
ING THE TRENDS WHICH COULD PUT THE USSR AND WARSAW PACT IN
A COMMANDING ADVANTAGE IF THEY CONTINUE.

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2. MOLLER EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN THE HARD MILITARY

BALANCE FACTS AND SECDEF'S ARGUMENTS WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE OF GREAT USE TO HIM IN ACHIEVING AN INTRA-PARLIAMENTARY DEFENSE AGREEMENT. MOLLER SAID HE WISHED HE COULD CONVEY THE SAME INFORMATION TO THE DANISH PARLIAMENTARIANS AND PUBLIC SO AS TO HAVE THE SAME POSITIVE RESULTS FOR THE DANISH DEFENSE BUDGET AS THE US HAS HAD. HE NOTED DEFENSE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE WORKED OUT BY END OF AUGUST BUT AVOIDED MAKING SOLID PREDICTION ON ITS LIKELY FORM EXCEPT TO REPEAT IN OUTLINE FORM HIS NATO PRESENTATION. RUMSFELD GAVE

MOLLER SOME UNCLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS PRESENTING THE MILITARY BALANCE TRENDS, FOR HIS DISCUSSION WITH OTHER CABINET OFFICIALS AND PARLIAMENTARIANS.

3. IN ADDITION, RUMSFELD AND MOLLER AGREED THAT REALISTIC BRIEFINGS BY SECGEN LUNS, ADMIRAL HILL-NORTON, GEN FORNAIS, GEN HAIG, OR OTHER US OR NATO OFFICIALS, TO THE DANISH COMMITTEE OF TWELVE NEGOTIATING THE NEW DEFENSE AGREEMENT, TO OTHER PARLIAMENTARIANS, OR TO DANISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, COULD BE VERY TIMELY OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS AS THE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS REACH A CONCLUSION.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: AMBASSADOR SHOULD FOLLOW UP WITH MOLLER UPON HIS RETURN TO DETERMINE WHETHER USG (THROUGH EMBASSY OR USNATO) CAN BE HELPFUL TO MOLLER IN ARRANGING APPROPRIATE NATO BRIEFINGS, AS OUTLINED PARA 3, FOR KEY DANISH OFFICIALS. BRIEFINGS SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO INCREASE DANISH AWARENESS OF TRENDS IN SOVIET AND WARSAW PACT CAPABILITIES AND TO IMPRESS UPON THEM THE URGENT NEED FOR DENMARK TO INCREASE DEFENSE BUDGETS AS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO ENHANCE ALLIANCE COLLECTIVE DEFENSE AND IMPROVE CONVENTIONAL DETER-RENT. DOD STANDS READY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS EFFORT IF EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT DESIRABLE. KISSINGER

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